

the Books to you—It will be troublesome but it will be most safe & I know not who at New Bern can be trusted in such Cases and I would advise its being done as soon as you have an Opportunity of seeing the Judge

It [is true, *sic*] you or myself ought to hold those Books & no body else.—

Permit me here to suggest for I have not Time for regular Arrangements of Things would not this as Vessels have risen in Value be a good Time to sell out some of [4] yours and to vest the Proceeds in some more certain Trade equally profitable.

Molsey will spend the Winter in Carolina I depend on you to provide for her Houshold and to give her your advice in all Cases

Horses She has too many for the Winter and I think some had best be sold if on Credit provided good Notes are obtained in Payment.

I rejoice much that She is off the Frontiers and a respectable Distance from the *Jacobin* Part of the Cherokee & Creek Nation—I return to the western Country not with such Orders as I could wish, the President himself has not latitude enough—May the approaching Congress be gullatined<sup>92</sup> if they do not declare war [against the Indians] in form & proceed to the most vigorous Execution—Pray write me often via Manchester Care of Nicholson & Taylor who are truly civil & clever in whatever respects me if its only to say what the Health of my family is for except from you I shall have not other Chance of hearing and you can readily conceive my Anxiety on that Head at this sickly Season & this uncommonly sickly year—My letters by Skinner I hope will reach you before this does—

[No address]

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*Thomas Blount to John Gray Blount*

Tuesday 2<sup>o</sup>Clock [n.d.]

Mary<sup>93</sup> is yet alive contrary to the expectation of us all & a change that has taken place this Morning affords us some hope

<sup>92</sup>It is interesting to note that the word guillotine is used casually in North Carolina at this time although it was introduced in France only in 1789.

<sup>93</sup>Mary Blount was the second daughter of William Blount. She and her sister, Nancy, remained in North Carolina when the family moved to the Tennessee area. Their aunt (Mrs. Ann Blount Harvey) had the care of them. The aunt and the two girls lived at Tarborough with Thomas Blount, who at that time was a widower.